Position as on 31.5.2006
Figures in lakh MTs

Storage Capacity hired by the FCI	Capacity	Percentage
From Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)	15.79	15.6%
From State Warehousing Corporation (SWCs)/State Governments	76.85	75.7%
From Private parties	8.90	8.7%

(b) The details of the quantity of foodgrains stored in the private godowns and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) godowns during the last financial year i.e. 2005-2006, was:—

Central Warehousing Corporation	9.68* lakh tonnes
Private Godowns	7.58* lakh tonnes

* These are monthly average figures based on total turnover.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Directions have been issued to the field offices of Food Corporation of India to hire only Central Warehousing/State Warehousing Corporation's godowns and no private party godowns be hired without the prior permission of the Chairman and Managing Director.

CBI raids on FCI officials

1229. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has conducted raids on some States against FCI officials during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of investigations in each case; and

(d) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken to curb the corruption in FCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI has registered 8 cases under which it has conducted searches at 33 places against 24 FCI officials, during the current year.

(c) Out of the 8 cases as in part (b) above, charge sheet has been filed in one case against one FCI official. Investigation in remaining 7 cases have been initiated.

(d) An elaborate mechanism exists in the FCI to take preventive and deterrent action against corrupt practices besides well laid down procedures for every aspect of operational matters. Frequent surprise and periodical inspections are carried out at the FCI offices and Depots throughout the country. The irregularities noticed during these inspections are investigated thoroughly and penalties imposed on employees who are found guilty.

Wheat stocks in FCI godowns of Kerala

1230. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stocks of wheat provided to each of the FCI godowns in the State of Kerala for the last three years, year-wise and godown-wise;

(b) the off-take of wheat from each of these godowns for the above period, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the holding of wheat stocks were inadequate to cater to the requirements of distribution through PDS; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to increase the allotment?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The details of allotment and off take of wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes during the year 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06 in respect of Kerala State is given in the statement attached. (*See* below) Depot/godown-wise information is being collected from the field offices of Food Corporation of India.